REQUEST FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (RCE) - Amendment 2

PROJECT/ACTIVITY DATA:

Activity Name: Domestic Election Monitoring in Tunisia (DEMT)
Country/region: Tunisia
Start Date: 07/13/2016 End Date: 9/30/2022
Life of Project Amount ($) : $15.5 million
IEE Prepared by: Asma Ben Aicha Date: 5/16/2019
Amendment: Yes, amending ME 19-12

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION RECOMMENDED: (Place X where applicable)

Categorical Exclusion: [ X ] Negative Determination with Conditions: [ ]
Positive Determination: [ ] Deferral: [ ]

Purpose and Scope

This amendment increases the Life of Project amount from $13,500,000 to $15,500,000. Activities and scope remain the same as the original RCE with the addition of International Observation that will be covered later this year.

The purpose of this document, in accordance with Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 216 (22CFR216), is to provide a preliminary review of the reasonably foreseeable effects on the environment, as well as recommended Threshold Decisions, for the activities detailed below. This document provides a brief statement of the factual basis for Threshold Decisions as to whether an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement is required for the activities managed under the scope of this document.

The activities under review are recommended for categorical exclusion.

Description of Activities

The Domestic Election Monitoring in Tunisia (DEMT) Activity will expand its election monitoring efforts as well as civic and voter education initiatives ahead of the 2019 series of parliamentary and presidential elections, and extend through anticipated regional elections in 2020. DEMT will work with partner Tunisian observer groups to carry out long term observation of Tunisia’s electoral framework, legislative updates, voter registration, campaign periods, campaign finance, and actual voter turnout on election day. Additionally, DEMT will carry out an array of civic education and voter mobilization activities, including awareness...
are added and/or information becomes available which indicates that activities to be funded by
the project might be “major” and the project’s effect “significant,” this determination will be
reviewed and revised by the C/AOR of the project, and submitted to the Mission Environmental
Officer and Bureau Environmental Officer for approval and, if appropriate, an environmental
assessment will be prepared. It is the responsibility of the C/AOR to keep the Mission
Environmental Officer and the BEO informed of any new information or changes in the activity
that might require revision of the IEE.
APPROVAL OF AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION

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